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MEDIA RELEASE: Holiday events scheduled at Fort Benning

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – For your planning purposes, the following Fort Benning *holiday* events are scheduled between Dec. 1 and Dec. 15:

Dec. 3, 6 p.m. at the Field of the Four Chaplains – *Annual Christmas tree and menorah lighting ceremony* – Preceding the lighting ceremony the Infantry Band will provide a selection of holiday music. Following the tree and menorah lighting, Fort Benning military police will escort Santa to “Santa’s Workshop,” where he will entertain holiday wishes from both the naughty and nice.

Dec. 5, 5 to 7 p.m., at Eubanks Field – *Airborne Tower lighting* – Santa will “drop in” during the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Regiment’s annual 250-foot airborne tower lighting at approximately 6 p.m. Other activities leading up to Santa’s arrival will start at 5 p.m., to include opening the 34-foot towers for guest prospective airborne students to test their wings. *This event is open to the public.*

Dec. 8, 2 and 7 p.m. at the Columbus RiverCenter – *MCoE Band’s annual holiday concert* – *Admission is free, but tickets are required.* Tickets are available (SOME PLACE SPECIAL). Call 706-545-5313 for more information. *This event is open to the public.*

Dec. 8 – 6-10 p.m. at the Fort Benning Main Exchange – *“Troop Night”* — Special holiday shopping event for basic training Soldiers

Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. until all trees are distributed at Wetherby Field – *Trees for Troops* – distribution of trees donated by Christmas tree growers to active-duty Soldiers and their Family members. Military ID card required, one tree per family. Approximately 800 trees will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Dec. 12, 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the Commanding General’s Quarters – *Holiday at Riverside* – Fort Benning Families will visit with Santa and take part in other family oriented activities on the grounds of Riverside, the commanding general’s quarters.

Media who wish to report on any of these events should call the Public Affairs Office weekdays during duty hours to coordinate media escort.

For more information, call 706-545-6674 or 706-545-8970. On weekends and after duty hours, call 706-545-2218.

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